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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT 23 May 2007

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed 4 May 2007, the applicants request that the examiner withdraw the restriction requirement on claims 1 - 46 and provisionally elect claims 1 - 39 for continued prosecution.

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